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	AA	5,634,012	05/27/1997	Stefik et al.			
	AB	7,120,604 B2	10/10/2006	Maari			
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	AD	10-51573	02/20/1998	Japan		X	X
	AE	10-26989	10/09/1998	Japan	X (corresponding English Publication No. 7,120,604, and 2004/0073451)		
	AF	0-272746	10/18/1996	Japan	X (Corresponding English Publication No. 5,634,012)		
	AG	0-340573	12/12/1997	Japan		X	X

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